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REMARKS

Claims 29-42, 73-82, 85-91, 105-111, and 135-141 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-28, 43-72, 83, 84, 92-104, and 112-134 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject of these cancelled claims in continuation or divisional applications.

In the Examiner's Answer dated October 6, 2005, the Examiner withdrew all rejections to claims 29-42, 73-82, 85-91, 105-111, and 135-141. The only remaining rejections for Appeal are directed to claims 92-104 and 112-134, these claims now being cancelled.

ENTRY of AMENDMENTS under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the above amendments under 37 C.F.R. 41.33 for the following reasons. As clearly shown above, the amendments merely cancel the claims remaining rejected as set forth in the Examiner's Answer dated October 6, 2005. Moreover, the amendments place the pending claims in condition for allowance without raising any new issues of materiality. Thus, entry of these amendments under 37 C.F.R. 41.30 is proper and respectfully requested.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue an early indication of allowability.

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